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"AGPS Urges Int'l Community to Take Serious Action to Save Palestinian Refugees in Thailand"

- Commission 302 Appeals to UNRWA Commissioner-General to Urgently Visit Deir Ballout Camp
- 200,000 Palestinian Refugees Fled War-Torn Syrian
- Palestinian Resident of Yarmouk Camp Kidnapped from Southern Damascus

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Latest Developments

The Action Group for the Palestinians of Syria (AGPS) has called on the international community to make urgent steps in order to bring the violations perpetrated against Palestinian refugees stranded in Thailand to a halt.

In a Monday statement, AGPS urged the Thai government to immediately release the detained refugees, work out their legal situation, and treat them in accordance with international humanitarian laws and treaties.



AGPS stressed the need for the Palestinian Authority bodies nationwide and oversees to take urgent action so as to secure the refugees' physical and legal protection.

AGPS appealed to the UNHCR to live up to its responsibilities vis-à-vis the tragedy of Palestinian refugees in Thailand, dubbing its apathy in this regard a form of “indirect expulsion” to the refugees.

AGPS said it believes dozens of Syrian and Palestine migrants have sought asylum in Thailand after the bloody warfare in Syria destroyed their homes and shelters and took away the lives of their children and relatives.



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The asylum-seekers have also been subjected to arbitrary abduction sweeps by the Thai authorities for overstaying their residence permits. Children, women, and elderly persons have been crammed in over-crowded cells with no lighting or ventilation.

In the best of case, Palestinian refugees in Thailand are granted a two-month visa, following which a renewal request is required. However, such cases often culminate in refoulement.

Along the same line, Commission 302 in Lebanon briefed UNRWA's Commissioner General Pierre Krähenbühl about the calamitous conditions endured by displaced Palestinian families in Deir Ballout Camp, in Afrin, north of Syria.

In a letter to UNRWA, Commission 302 called on Krähenbühl to pay an urgent visit to the camp in order to inspect the tragic humanitarian situation and press ahead with serious measures to save the refugees.

The commission lashed out at UNRWA staff members who have not made any effort to pop in the area and inspect the needs of the displaced families.

It added that Deir Ballout Camp has been set up in Syria, which falls within UNRWA's five fields of operation. Thus, the agency should immediately start supplying the refugees with much-needed items and services, most notably foodstuff, medicine, safe shelter, clothing, and health care.

Meanwhile, Deputy Secretary-General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command, Talal AlNaji,



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said nearly 200,000 Palestinian refugees left Syria since the outburst of the deadly warfare in 2011.

Speaking at a press conference held in Moscow on Friday, October 26, AlNaji said that prior to the war in Syria, 550,000 Palestinian refugees used to take shelter in the country.

According to AlNaji, thousands of Palestinians fled their refugee camps in Syria as a result of the offensives and crackdowns perpetrated by such terror groups as ISIS and AlNusra, particularly, but not exclusively, in Yarmouk Camp, the largest in Syria.

According to AGPS data, nearly 150,000 Palestinian refugees fled war-stricken Syria, among them 30,000 who have sought refuge in Lebanon; 17,000 in Jordan; 6,000 in Egypt; 8,000 in Turkey; and 1,000 in the besieged Gaza Strip.

UNRWA data estimates that 120,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have fled the deadly war.

In the meantime, Palestinian youth Mahmoud Zaidan Husain, sheltered in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, was kidnapped by anonymous gangsters from southern Damascus on October 27.





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A so-called Maher AlMuadhen, affiliated with the Syrian government squads, reportedly abducted Mahmoud on Saturday evening, shortly after the latter joined the pro-government Fourth Division.